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COUNTY LAUNCHES FARMING PROGRAM

County to Hold Community Meetings on New Program to Support Farming

The County of San Diego will hold a series of community meetings this month to get public input on a new program designed to support and encourage the farming industry in the region.

The County is developing the Farming Program in partnership with the San Diego Farm Bureau, the U.C. Cooperative Extension/Farm and Home Advisors and The American Farmland Trust, a private, nonprofit farmland conservation organization.

The County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the program on May 11, 2005. The program will showcase how unique San Diego County farms are and will provide recommendations to promote and encourage viable farming in the urban county.

The following meetings will be held on the plan:

7- 9 p.m. Tues., Oct. 11

Live Oak Elementary School - Auditorium
1978 Reche Road, Fallbrook

7-9 p.m. Wed., Oct. 12

Ramona Community Center
434 Aqua Lane, Ramona

7-9 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 13

Valley Center Middle School -Multi-Purpose Room
28102 North Lake Wohlford Road, Valley Center

Additionally, County staff will provide an overview of the Farming Program and a recap of the above meetings at the Descanso Community Planning Group meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade Road, Descanso.

If you are not able to attend the meetings, but are interested in finding out more about the program, please contact Cheryl Monzon, Land Use/Environmental Planner at (858) 694-2964 or by e-mail at Cheryl.Monzon@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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